

One beer and teen could be found driving drunk

The state House passed a bill recently that would make it illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to drive with a blood alcohol content of 0.02 percent or greater.

The current drunken driving laws would apply to people con-

victed of violating this law. A blood alcohol level of 0.02 can be exceeded by drinking just one or two 12-ounce beers.

For people 21 and older, the law hasn't changed. They still have to have a blood alcohol content of

0.1 percent or greater to be legally drunk.

Gov. John Engler is expected to sign the legislation.

Area representatives voting in favor of the law were Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce Township,

Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills.

Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, was the only area lawmaker to vote against the bill.

Penny Crisman, R-Rochester, and John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Hills, did not vote.

The new stiff penalty ties in with another law passed overwhelmingly last March. Public Act 31, which went into effect June 1, makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly allow underage drinking at a social gathering, or to knowingly allow anyone to consume or possess a controlled substance at a social gathering.

The law applies to an owner, tenant, or any other person who has control over any premises, residence or other property.

Many communities already have ordinances on their books, saying much the same thing, but a state law is easier to enforce, said AAA Michigan government affairs officer Bill Cilluso.

Help at hand in find park tours

Upper Michigan has great waterfall, lighthouse and historical tours — if you know how to find them.

And you can get tour guidance from a new state park tour program, says George Rob, of the state Department of Natural Resources. His office will even make your state park camping reservations for the price of one 90¢ area code call.

"Each tour is individualized and tailored to the interests and schedule of the guest," Rob said.

"I'm really excited about this new park tour program because it provides an opportunity for peo-

ple to enjoy our parks and experience our unique environment," said Rob, who is DNR's region I supervisor for parks and recreation.

Here are the kinds of attractions on the tours:

■ **Waterfalls** — The UP has 199, including the photogenic Tahquamenon Falls. Many aren't well marked, however, and you need good directions to find them.

"The quiet walk along the forest trails leading to most falls is an added bonus for the visitor — a real 'getting back to nature' experience," Rob said.

■ **Lighthouses** — The Lake Su-

perior shoreline is emphasized. Many sites have been restored and offer interpretive programs, including museums. Fort Wilkins, an historic landmark itself, is home of the Eagle Harbor Museum Complex.

■ **History** — Iron ore mines, copper mines, shipping, logging, trading, trapping, hunting and fishing are part of the UP's heritage.

For information and to make reservations for your UP state park tour, call the DNR at 906-299-4400. Make park camping reservations at least three weeks prior to your visit.

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Leave pets out of July 4 fun

Celebrate the Fourth of July with your family, but leave your pets out of the festivities for everyone's safety and peace of mind.

This is the recommendation of the American Animal Hospital Association, which offers the following tips for a safe Fourth of July:

■ **Keep pets away from all fireworks.** Burns, hearing loss and eye damage can occur if your pet is too close to explosions.

■ **Dispose of all fireworks properly.** Pets may eat left-over fragments, developing digestive problems or even serious injuries.

■ **Pets who are extremely nervous and frightened by noise may try to run away.** Be sure your pet is wearing identification tags.

■ **Consider confining your pet in a kennel away from the noise.** This method prevents self-injury to the would-be escapist who may jump out a window or hook the leash or collar. Plus, you save

your home from any property damage. Very frightened dogs have been known to chew through doors.

Established in 1933, the American Animal Hospital Association is an international association of more than 12,000 veterinarians who treat companion animals such as dogs and cats. The association is well-known among veterinarians for its high standards for hospitals and pet health care.

Service group needs help with phone bank

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA)

needs volunteers to answer phones. Volunteers will be

trained to answer questions and direct callers to available services provided by OLHSA's various departments. Interested individuals must be able to work four hours per day one or two days a week. For more information, contact Trudy Long at 810-858-1625 or Yvonne Dennis at 810-858-5066.

OLHSA, which is a Pontiac based non-profit organization, is dedicated to helping the low-income, elderly and disabled residents of Oakland and Livingston counties.

HelpLine offers arthritis aid

The Arthritis Foundation is making it easier for people with arthritis, family and friends to obtain information they need on arthritis topics.

The Arthritis HelpLine is staffed by trained volunteers who can provide general information on types of arthritis treatments, medications, referrals and self-

help aids. Also available is information on self-help classes, Mutual Support Groups, aquatic programs and special exercise classes.

The HelpLine is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 810-350-3030 or 1-800-968-3030 and ask for the "HelpLine."



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